

11 March 2006

Saturday

READINGS

Psalm 139, Genesis 41:1-13, 1 Corinthians 4:1-7, Mark 2:23-3:6

DEVOTION

PSALM 139

The All-Knowing, Ever-Present God

At the church my family and I attended before moving to Germany, there was a favorite song of the children that the congregation often sang before the young people left for Children's Church. Its first verse went like this:

Our God is a great big God,
Our God is a great big God,
Our God is a great big God,
And He holds us in His hand.

When I read Psalm 139, I think about how fortunate we are to have a great big God, one who not only holds us in His hand but one who, as David wrote, has searched us and knows us, one who created us and knitted us in the womb. We have a God so big that He knows what we are going to say before we say it, a God who knows our strengths and our weaknesses, a God that has planned our lives before we were even born. Our God is so powerful and all-knowing that no matter where we are located, He is there for us. When we are on LSA Anaconda, He is with us. When we are in Germany, He is with us. When we are in the United States, He is with us. No matter where we are, no matter what time it is, He is with us. Truly He is the first and best 24/7 operation in this world. And not only is He with us, but because He is an ever-present God, He is also with our loved ones no matter where they are, Germany, the United States, anywhere in the world. If our God was not such a great big God, He couldn't do all the wonderful things He does for us in this world.

Prayer: Thank You Lord for being such a great big God. Thank You for Your wonderful works and for being there for us, no matter where we are located. I take comfort in knowing that You are always there for me.

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